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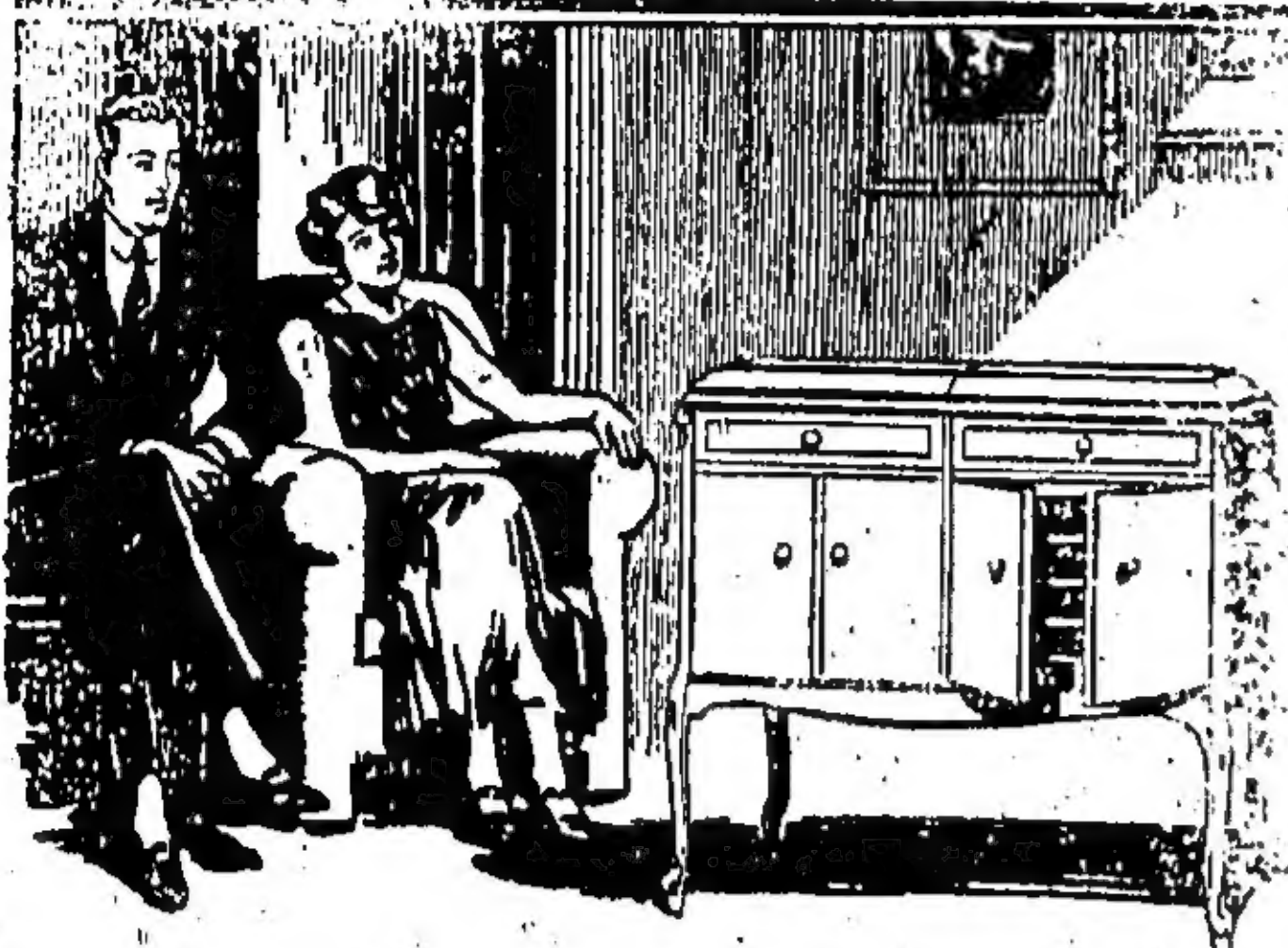
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EUROPE'S DISTURBED POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

LONDON, April 30.

In the House of Commons, Mr. John Harria drew attention to the American bill authorising the construction of eight new cruisers each of 10,000 tons. He suggested that the Government approach the United States with regard to the possibility of another naval conference with the object of preventing a new race in the construction of cruisers.

Mr. Macdonald in reply referred to the statement by President Coolidge on April 22 that it appeared impracticable at present to attempt any further limitation of armaments. He was glad to find Mr. Coolidge agreed with the attitude the Labour Government had always taken up that before discussing limitation of armaments we must first remove some of the difficulties in the political situation of Europe.—*Reuter.*

ADMIRAL'S FEARS.

WASHINGTON, April 30.

A naval building programme complete with aircraft-carriers, destroyers, submarine tenders, construct light cruisers, modern submarines and other units was urged by the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Cointz, in a statement given prominence in the newspapers alleging the inability of the American fleet to manoeuvre faster than ten knots, owing to the slowness of the auxiliary ships and the failure of the submarines to function in the work of the fleet.

Admiral Cointz also severely criticised the shortage of mine sweepers and the incompleteness of the anti-aircraft batteries on the old ships.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AMERICA'S GAS SUPPLIES.

WASHINGTON, April 3.

The military committee of the House of Representatives has reported on the bill providing

HOME TURF.

CITY AND SUBURBAN RESULT.

ULULA'S VICTORY.

LONDON, April 30.

The result of the City and Suburban at Epsom was—

1.—Ulula (100/6).

2.—Verdict (5/1).

3.—Greek Bachelor (8/1).

Ten started. Won by three lengths. Two lengths between second and third.—*Reuter.*

for the Government's acquisition of all helium and gas bearing fields in the United States.

The measure, which is sponsored by the Secretaries of War, the Navy, and the Interior, also provides for research and experimental work with gas and prohibits its export.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AUSTRALIA'S PROGRAMME.

MELBOURNE, April 30.

It is announced that the Government's naval programme during the next nine years includes the construction of four light cruisers and some long-range cruising submarines, costing about £250,000 each.—*Reuter.*

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

LONDON, May 1.

In the course of the Budget debate in the House of Commons Mr. J. K. Thomas Secretary of State for the Colonies, spiritedly refuted the idea that the conservatives were the only party jealous of the position of the Empire. He stated that out of 32 resolutions of the Imperial Conference two were presently to be considered, two were definitely opposed by the Government, whilst 28 were being put into operation.

SIGNALMAN FORGETS.

HOW THE WEMBLEY CRASH HAPPENED.

London, April 30.

A signalman giving evidence at the enquiry into the Wembley accident on April 26 admitted that he had forgetfully passed the electric train to the line on which the express was standing.—*Reuter.*

[An electric train crashed into the rear of a special train standing in the tunnel a mile outside Euston on Saturday. The special train was from Birmingham and was crowded with Aston Villa supporters for the Cup Final at Wembley. Over fifty passengers were injured, four of them fatally. Few women were on board the train.]

Later.

The fifth death as a result of the Wembley collision occurred in hospital to-day.—*Reuter.*

TROTSKY AGAIN.

Moscow, April 30.

"If the British Labour Government had the courage and valour demanded of Russian workers, it would seize the opportunity to conclude a treaty with the Soviet of Russia, which would result in the re-mapping of Europe," said Trotsky, in a speech at the Bolshoi Theatre.

He added that a combination of Russia's wealth and resources and British technical knowledge, would enable both to dictate to Europe, "but there is no government in Britain, therefore we must be prepared to accept any agreement, which we shall carry out hoping for greater mutual advantages later."

Trotsky accused Macdonald of suppressing Afghanistan's struggle for freedom, and increasing Britain's military burdens.

Trotsky, who is having a remarkable "come-back," was given an ovation to-day, and looked the picture of health.—*Reuter.*

MINING DISASTER.

Wheeling, April 30.

Up to the present 79 bodies have been recovered.

[Over a hundred miners were entombed in a burning mine following an explosion which rocked the surrounding districts. On April 28, when the disaster occurred, smoke was pouring out of the entries and preventing rescue work.]

CONGRATULATED.

Washington, April 30.

President Coolidge has received General Dawes and the other American members of the experts' committee who have thus concluded their reparation services. It is understood they received the President's congratulations.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TEN YEARS' JAIL.

Indianapolis, April 30.

McCray has been sentenced to ten years' jail in Atlanta prison and fined \$10,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[Warren McCray, governor of the State of Indiana, who was convicted in the Federal Court on a charge of using the mails to further a fraudulent scheme was sent to jail, pending sentence. McCray is accused of forging hundreds of fraudulent notes, and obtaining money by false pretences in connection with the operation of cattle ranches.]

LABOUR'S FIRST BUDGET.

London, April 30.

Papers of all shades pay a tribute to the cleverness and moderation of the first Labour budget, acknowledging with relief that "no more decorous and respectable budget has been produced during the last half century," though Conservative organs suspect that the moderation is more tactical than sincere. They suggest that the budget is intended as a sleeping draught.

They also roundly condemn the repudiation of the Imperial preference proposals, likewise the proposed abolition of the McKenna duties, as a blow to important British industries. The Liberal press complacently hails the "Free Trade budget as safe, sound and practical." It notes gratifiedly its advance towards the ideal of a free breakfast table, though Mr. Lloyd George's organ criticises its lack of constructive economic policy. There are indications that the budget has already considerably modified the recent dissatisfaction of the Liberals with a government whose position is likely to be strengthened by the budget and its reception by the gratified Labourites, though a Labour organ terms it "prudent and practical rather than brilliant or epoch making."—*Reuter.*

STOCK EXCHANGE REACTIONS.

London, April 30.

On the Stock Exchange the Budget has been very favourably received. Markets all round are good, and tea shares are active, some heavy priced shares being 5/ higher, and small priced 5/- higher.

Industrialists responded well to the repeal of the corporation tax. Produce markets, similarly sugar futures, have advanced in anticipation of a great improvement in demand, on reduction of the duty. Coming into operation to-day, refiners will reduce home prices 14/- equivalent to the tax.—*Reuter.*

DAVIS CUP.

Reuter cables that in the first round of the Davis Cup, to be played at Torquay on the 10th inst., Messrs. Gilbert, Godfree, Kingscote, and Woomam will represent Britain.

FRANCE AND JAPAN.

Paris, April 30.

Baron Ishii recently discussed with M. Poincare the conclusion of a Franco-Japanese commercial treaty and the Japanese Ambassador's proposals in this connection are being considered by the appropriate departments.—*Reuter.*

TORNADO DISASTER.

Atlanta, (Georgia), April 30.

Tornadoes swept the South Eastern States. There have been 47 deaths in the various cities notably at Anderson in South Carolina where a mill and 50 dwellings were blown down.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FOOTBALL.

Kowloon South China.....

This was the closing match of the season and the large crowd which turned out were rewarded by witnessing an interesting game in which the football at times was of a very high standard.

Nash opened the score for Kowloon with a fast twisting shot that easily beat Lau Hing-cheung. South China tried hard to level up, and Lai Wai-tong sent in some beautiful shots, but Duncan got them away while F. Wheeler was safe in defence. At the interval Kowloon were leading by a goal to nil.

Kowloon fell away after the interval and early in the second half South China equalised through Choi Ping-fan who beat Duncan with a fast using shot.

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In this game to decide the runners-up position in the Junior League a draw resulted in spite of extra time. Rocha opened the scoring for the Club and McGrave equalised. Before the interval the Surrey took the lead from a penalty.

Resuming the Club went off with a dash, and Gosano gave to D. Xavier close in, for the latter to make the score two all. Merry had a good chance to win the game for the Surreys, but his shot was a trifle wide, and the ball struck the upright and rebounded into play.

The Club meet the Surreys on Saturday on the Club ground in the final 1st Division match of the season.

On the last occasion these teams met the Surreys won 2-0 but after the Club's fine display against South China the result will probably be closer. Owing to injuries the Club team has not been definitely chosen. Proceeds are in aid of local charities and by kind permission the Surreys' band will play selections before the game and during the interval.

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THE BUDGET.

It has taken weeks of preparation to compile Britain's Budget, one hour, and three quarters in which to expound or explain it, and it is now left to the individual to take his own time to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest. If it does not affect us here in Hongkong as it does the taxpayer at home, a number are almost bound to be affected by some of its provisions—there is enough of interest in it to warrant a reference and a note of pride. A Socialist Chancellor of the Exchequer, holding office for only a short period, was bound to be affected in a large measure, by the policy of his predecessor and the exceptional financial state, not merely of the country, but of the world. The statement made by Mr. Phillip Snowden might, as Sir Robert Horne has pointed out, have been made by either of the older Parties. There is a sugges-

tion of a compliment in that acknowledgment and an inference that the proposals now made are not likely to be hotly contested. A total debt reduction since 1919 of £650,000,000 is a matter for congratulation; and evidence of the earnestness of previous Governments, and the spirit of the people to meet all responsibilities. A debt to the United States of £940,500,000 is a staggering burden; but our American friends regard the matter as a good debt, and there is Presidential testimony regarding our honesty. As against this "there were (are) large debts owing to us," and although no names are mentioned in the cable reports of the Budget speech, it is well known who keep us back from liquidating our debts easing more than ever the burden of taxation, and meeting changed conditions with that independent spirit peculiar to having a good bank balance. A step towards what is commonly known as a free breakfast table was to be expected from a Socialist Government as also the repeal of the war measure duties on the importation of certain stated "luxuries." A

Budget and a Budget Speech that has earned the praise of opposition leaders may be taken as a hopeful sign, and we out here, feeble though our voice may sound, may add our congratulations to theirs, particularly on the evidences of the sound financial condition of the national finances.

Entertainment Tax.

Incorporated in the Home Government's Budget is the proposal to abolish the entertainment tax on admissions up to 6d. and to reduce it on payments up to 1/6. This will come as a welcome relief to thousands of people, the best of whose spare time is spent in places of entertainment. The imposition of this tax was a war measure and as such was cheerfully borne. It has been a profitable yield for most of us have to rely upon others—those gifted with the pen in writing plays, songs, comedies, revues, etc.—and those gifted with the art of interpretation in these things—for a great measure of entertainment. We should be inclined to argue that except in extreme circumstances, such as the great war, an entertainment tax was an intolerable thing, falling hardly on those least able to bear it, and those most in need of entertainment. It is all very well providing art galleries, museums, free lectures, and the like; these are most desirable; but the worker is entitled to a form of relaxation which if not very inspiring, is at any rate relaxing, with a tendency to take his mind off his work and worries—a very desirable thing—and to fit him perhaps, if not for the wings of an angel, to keep a smiling face. Entertainment is as necessary to us as is the food we eat. We may leave it to conscientious licensing boards, wide-awake managers, and others, to see that the quality of the entertainment is worth having. In any case we rejoice that the obnoxious 11d. is to be knocked off, and that our thrifty ones will save these hitherto impositions and we hope invest in Savings certificates! How fortunate we are in Hongkong in respect of freedom from this form of tax! If, as we are told, our salaries are double what they would be at home, we must admit that the charges for admission to our cinemas, which are the chief staple entertainment, we possess, are very reasonable. But our Note is one of rejoicing and commendation. We trust there will never be another war necessitating an Entertainment Tax, and that the peoples' pleasure in the matter of taxing, will be left severely alone.

Ships' Guards.

The several prosecutions of absentee ships' guards which have taken place, would seem to strengthen the contention made in interested quarters of the unreliability of these gentry. The last one to appear before the proper tribunal and to be charged with the heinous crime of abstinence—allowing his ship to sail without him—or rather not being on duty when the ship sailed—has received the punishment of one month with hard labour. Seeing the enormous responsibility shouldered on ships' guards, and what the absence of even one guard may have meant in the event of a mutinous or piratical attack, many may hesitate to describe one month as exemplary, seeing that in this particular instance, the man's record was described as bad. Any chain is as strong as its weakest link; and it is useless having regulations, and urging British officers to resist to the uttermost; if one of the paid aids to resistance is weak either in numbers, efficiency, or morale. Punishment of ships' crews or attendants is regrettable, but where it becomes necessary, no bones should be made in inflicting punishment that is likely to act as a deterrent to others, and help make the duty of guards to be taken up in no light manner. The question of deportation should be seriously considered in these matters of absentee delinquents. The Colony and the shipping fraternity should have not a single moment of time for those who grossly neglect the precautionary duty of being on board before a ship sails.

LOTTERIES.

Are school examinations illegal? Rear-Admiral Percy Roys, thinks so. Only lucky boys get prizes he avers, and examinations should be classed as lotteries and games of chance and put down by the law.

Knowles, where the King stayed recently for the THOUGHT, Grand National is always spoken of as one of the most com-

fortable of English country houses, though the best story about it is not quite in that vein. This concerns the building about a century ago of the great dining-room, with its vast doors. A party of people staying at Knowles were admiring this apartment, when one of them, who had listened in silence to the others, made this contribution: "Do I understand," he asked, "that it will be necessary to open those great doors every time a pat of butter is to be brought into the room?"

M. R. Gwilym MONEY.
Francis, of Belmont,
North-street, White-

land, Carmarthen, left £1 each to "four of my mates who are working at the G.W.R. shed and a day's wage to take me to Neath Cemetery; names are Mr. Dan Richards, foreman; Mr. William Harries, chargehand; Mr. Thomas Richards, my mate, and Ben Davis Coleman or Dan Phillips; and I wish the same to be given to Mr. Morgan Jones, Baptist minister, of Whitland, and Mr. Rees Powell, Baptist minister at Briton Ferry" (who buried his late wife) (net £1,871).

Miss Elizabeth Catherine Rodgers, of Maplehurst, Knighton, Leicestershire, left a number of public legacies and to her gardener, Edwin Atkins, a piece of ground, £200, and all her garden tools and any plants or small shrubs that he may select; £200 to Annie Lockington, residing with her. Net personally £51,818.

M. Poincaré's challenge to M. Le Ducloux, Prevost de Launay recalls that the death warrant in this country to the political duel may be regarded as signed. On that day the attention of the House of Commons was directed to the fact of a challenge having been sent by The O'Donoghue, a member for an Irish constituency, to the late Sir Robert Peel, then Chief Secretary for Ireland. Sir Robert Peel referred The O'Donoghue's friend, the bearer of the hostile message, who was also a member of the House, to Lord Palmerston, who was then Prime Minister. Apologies to the House were offered and accepted, explanations made, and the incident, which is recorded in the Hansard of the House of Commons of that day, was at an end. Among other political duels, Pitt fought with Tierney, Canning with Castlereagh, the Duke of Wellington with Lord Winchelsea, and Peel twice challenged political opponents.

The shipbrokers who purchased the battle cruiser New Zealand have paid to the Dominion Government a cheque for £20,000, the contract price.

The warship was presented to Great Britain by New Zealand in 1909, and the item of £52,000 appeared on the Dominion's budget last year as the amount still payable annually as interest on the original outlay.

M.P.'s are to FRANKINCENSE vote on the question of free railway passes to and from their constituencies.

Full off I wonder why M.P.'s So rarely their advantage seize For wriggling out of payment; Why do they never cast their votes

For free repeat and full dress coats And other courtly raiment? What art or logic could prevent A vote to cancel members' rent, Or loss at bridge or banker? Why not a Treasury draft in blank?

Their speech at least is growing frank, Tho' some could make it franker. —A. W.

The fears expressed by Sir Oliver Lodge for the future of civilisation are held also by Mr. Bertrand Russell, who expresses them in an essay called "Icarus, or the Future of Science" (Kegan Paul). "Science," says Mr. Russell, "has not given men more self-control, more kindness, or more power of discounting their passions in deciding upon a course of action. It has given communities power to indulge in their collective passions, but, by making society more organic, it has diminished the part played by private passions. Men's collective passions are mainly evil, for the strongest of them are hatred and rivalry directed towards other groups. Therefore at present all that gives men power to indulge their collective passions is bad. That is why science threatens to cause the destruction of our civilisation." The whole essay deserves to be read.

Grandma, a slow HIS QUERY, and impressive reader, settled down to the Sunday afternoon hymn. "I think when I read—" she began aloud. "Do you, Grandma?" asked her small grandson.

To-day's Poem.

(The Old Yachtsman.)

I said to the old man, pushing a yacht with a long pole into the Round Pond, "What

can be the use of that?" "Far more," the old fellow said, "than you'd think for. Life isn't so pretty for old poor men that you'd blame 'em for playing like children again!" —H. Wolfe.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MAY 1.

1667. Thence to Westminster; in the way meeting many milk-maids with their garlands upon their heads, dancing with a fiddler before them; and saw pretty Nelly standing at her lodgings' door in Drury Lane in her smock sleeves and bodice, looking upon one; she seemed a mighty pretty creature.—Pepys.

VALUES.

Our social order is safe, just in so far as we can translate its values into terms of human life. The ultimate values are human values always; the sanctions of property itself are secondary; our last claim to our possessions is that we hold them for the common good. —Basil de Selincourt.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

May 1.—Coronet Theatre; Lon Chaney in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."
May 1.—Star Theatre, Kowloon; Classical and Characteristic dances; also "The Conquering Power."
May 1.—World Theatre; Rint-tin-tin in "Where the North Begins."
May 1.—Queen's Theatre; opening ceremony.
May 2-7.—Theatre Royal; William Honghan, renowned Scottish Basso-Baritone in an amazing repertoire of songs.
May 5.—At Helena May Institute, moving pictures of Hongkong taken for Empire Exhibition, 9.15 p.m.
May 17.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.
May 31.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

SPORTS.

May 2.—H. K. C. C. Tennis Tournament: final singles.
May 3.—R.H.Y.C.'s closing cruise and ladies' day, 3 p.m.
May 2.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, Duddell St., household furniture, 2.45 p.m.
May 3.—Lammert Bros., at H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., Hongkong, a quantity of miscellaneous gear, etc., 11 a.m.
May 14.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, leasehold property, Victoria Road, near Villa Miramere, 3 p.m.
June 11.—Lammert Bros., at the premises of the H.K. Tramway Co., Ltd., Bowrington Canal Rd., East, steam driven electric generating plant, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

May 6.—Forty-third meeting of the I.C.S.N. Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.
May 9.—Statutory meeting of the Simplex Plaster Co., Ltd., at Company's Office, 2nd floor China Bldg., 3 p.m.
May 15.—Fifty-first annual meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., at Head Office, Union Building, noon.
May 15.—Fifty-eighth ordinary meeting of British Traders' Insurance Company, at Head Office, Union Building, 12.15 p.m.
May 16.—Fifty-fifth annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office, Union Building, 12.20 p.m.

"SLAYING THE DEAD-OX."

A PROFITABLE CALLING.

In that part of Des Voeux Road West below the Government Civil Hospital (near Sai Woo Lane precisely), a cloth dealer was held up by footpads at about 7.30 yesterday evening. One of the miscreants held the dealer by the neck while the other went through his pockets. This method of holding-up is known to the Chinese as "slaying the dead ox" in that the victim is gripped in such a way that he cannot resist. The robbers took \$65.40 in money and then ran off.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"THE RAJAH OF RAJAH-PORE."

Excellent Result.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I have been asked by several people what was done with the proceeds of the play entitled "The Rajah of Rajahpore," given by the Kowloon Dock A.D.C. in aid of M.C.L.

I shall be very much indebted to you if you will kindly make it known in the "Mail" that we handed \$890 (eight hundred and ninety dollars) to the M.C.L. but it was added to the sum taken by the "Dock Stall." Consequently when the general report was published the Dock Stall got credited with the whole amount.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Joseph Gould, Member of the Hongkong Stock Exchange announces that he has resumed business under the firm name of Joseph Gould and Co., at No. 10 Ice House Street. Mr. Lewis A. Tobias is authorised to sign the firm for procurement.

In their efforts to perfect the system of searching on wharves under the Piracy Prevention regulations, the Police have engaged about forty of fifty men and fifteen women who will work in addition to usual squads of police searches on the wharves. A number of them will be on duty in Kowloon.

Moving Pictures of Hongkong, taken for the British Empire Exhibition, will be exhibited at the Helena May Institute on Monday, May 5, at 9.15 p.m.; Tuesday, May 6, at 5.30 p.m.; Wednesday, May 7, at 9.15 p.m.; Thursday, May 8, and Friday, May 9, at 5.30 p.m. Adults, \$1.00; children 50 cents. Pay at the door.—Advt.

H. B. M. Government offers for sale a lot of land at Pakhoi together with the buildings, thereon. The land to be sold is held in perpetuity. The buildings, consisting of a large substantially built residence, and one small house both with servants quarters, and stables were erected in 1885. Copies of the title deeds and plans of the land may be seen at the office of the Director of Public Works, Hongkong.

At the Marine Court yesterday, an Indian guard of the s.s. "Ying-chow" was charged with being drunk while the ship was in the danger-zone (off Lammocks) on April 25, and endangering the lives of the 150 passengers on board. Captain Potter related the circumstances of defendant's alleged offence and defendant pleaded not guilty. The Marine Magistrate adjourned the case till this afternoon for another witness to be called.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. B. Monteith Webb, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carroll, are passengers on the outgoing "President Polk."

Mr. M. Manuk, of the Dairy Farm, returned to the Colony this morning by the "Eastern," from a business trip to Australia.

The Rt. Hon. the Earl and Countess Cassilis, arrived in the Colony this morning, by the "Eastern."

Mr. E. A. G. May, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. S. Russ are passengers on the "Empress of Russia" which left yesterday for Manila.

The British North Borneo Herald says:—We regret to learn that on the advice of the Medical Authorities His Excellency the Governor is returning to the United Kingdom to consult a specialist. His Excellency leaves with Lady Rycroft, by s.s. "Selangor," and expects to be back early in September. The Hon'ble Mr. F. W. Fraser, C.B.E., will be appointed Officer Administering the Government during Sir William's absence.

HONGKONG FILMED.

THE COLONY ON THE PICTURES.

EMPIRE EXHIBITION EFFORT.

"The Port of Hongkong" is the title of a four-reel film which has been produced by the China Sun Motion Picture Co. under the supervision of Mr. F. Key, Acting Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. The pictures were specially taken for the British Empire Exhibition but weather and mechanical difficulties prevented their reproduction in time. In addition to the print for the Exhibition a duplicate print has been made and will be shown at the Helena May Institute. It is expected that H. E. the Governor will be present.

The second main title of the film is "A British Colony since 1841, and the base of Britain's trade with China."

The film proceeds, with appropriate explanatory titles, to introduce a panorama of Hongkong Island from Morrison Hill to the University ending upon steamers in the Harbour, Victoria Peak and Kowloon Peninsula, taken from the Peak Hotel, are also shown. Next is given a view of Hongkong from the water front.

The film proceeds to a panorama of steamers at Kowloon Wharf indicating that travellers arriving in the Colony cross the Harbour to Victoria by launch or "Star" Ferry (pictures of these being shown) and land at Blake Pier or the "Star" Ferry wharf. Then follow scenes in Victoria, including a picture of a parade of firemen as it is thought that a Chinese Fire Brigade will be of interest.

Following pictures of the business Centre, a title explains that many British residents live on the Peak and this is followed by panoramas of the houses on the Peak. The Peak Tram is also given. Garden Road district, the Racecourse, the Chinese "Quarter" showing the native's mode of living, etc., conclude the general aspect of the Colony and then the next section of the film is almost entirely devoted to scenes illustrative of the Colony's shipping activities introduced by the title:

"Hongkong's chief concern is shipping. Fifty thousand vessels clear the Port in a year."

General and detailed scenes are produced in the shipping section. Handling cargo, supplying ships, sampan life and junk scenes, Kowloon Dock works, the "weather signal station" and "Some losses in the typhoon of August 18, 1923" followed by pictures of the "Loongsang" wreck, the "Tai Lee," the "Kwangshai," the "Sai Chow" and other vessels aground.

The next title is "Damage by wind at 130 miles an hour" and precedes scenes of damage in Hongkong. This section is concluded by a picture of the 1906 typhoon memorial in Kowloon. The shipping section is brought to a close with a view of one of the Naval vessels in the Harbour.

SCENES IN KOWLOON.

Typical scenes in Kowloon follow, being introduced by a picture of the railway station as seen from the Harbour, busy scenes at the Star Ferry wharf, Kowloon, and processions of motor-buses in Nathan Road. Street scenes in Kowloon are followed by a panorama of Kowloon City with an explanatory title with reference to the Sung Wong Toi stone. Typical Chinese dwellings are also seen here. The development of Kowloon is illustrated by pictures of reclamation work, and building activities, depicting the unique methods of Chinese contractors.

Interesting scenes of a Chinese ceremony at the Tung Wah Hospital, work at the Police Training School, sports, Repulse Bay Hotel and Chinese New Year Celebrations are given before the film concludes with a picture of Hongkong University and scenes at a recent graduation day assembly, introducing many well-known figures in a bright and interesting scene. The procession of the Senate follows and the film concludes with a picture of H.E. the Governor preceded by the mace bearer.

SUICIDE.

A GHASTLY METHOD.

A most unusual method was followed by a Chinese merchant who took his own life yesterday. He lived at No. 364, Shanghai Street in the Yau-mati district and walked into a saw-mill at No. 21, Pine Street, Tai-kot-sui. There he threw himself on a circular saw which was then in motion. His right arm was severed and there was a deep gash in his side, the latter eventually causing his death. Deceased's wife stated to the police that his age was 38. About a month ago he had been discharged from an asylum on account of insanity and was considered insane.

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RENTS.

PROFITING IN SUB- LETTING.

SUMMARY COURT REVELATIONS.

Mr. Seth feels that it is most improper that these intermediate landlords should be squeezing so much out of the tenants when he has let the premises at a reasonable rent. The plaintiff is paying \$90 a month and subletting for \$118. The whole premises are only let for \$150. If the two other floors are let at the same rate that means that the total rent charged is \$364 a month. This money is received by the intermediate tenants and the whole premises are only let for \$150.

This was a statement made yesterday by Mr. W. B. Hind to the Acting P. S. Judge, Mr. A. Dyer Ball, in a summary court case brought by Mrs. Sin Wai-leung of 247 Hollywood Road, defendant being Mr. J. H. Seth, of the firm of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, the receiver appointed by the court for the estate of Mr. A. Leung, deceased. The plaintiff's claim was to establish her title as lessee to the first floor of 55, Hollywood Road and to recover the rents thereof.

Mr. Armstrong, for the plaintiff, claimed that the fact that Mr. Seth's rent was only \$150 for the whole house is his misfortune, and has nothing to do with the case.

Legal argument on the question of the P. S. Judge's jurisdiction to deal with the case. Eventually the question of a settlement was broached and it was understood the solicitors would consult their clients with the view to seeing if some agreement could be arrived at.

The P. S. Judge remarked that he would consider the point raised and in the event of no settlement being arrived at would give his decision later.

FOR MOTORISTS.

A STANDARD OIL CO. PUBLICATION.

In a little booklet called "Practical Lubrication" published by the Standard Oil Company of New York are contained many useful tips for motorists. Besides much sound advice there are many illustrations, a handy index from which the puzzled motorist can tell at once the cause of the trouble in his car, a lubrication chart and brief but pithy articles on all vital sections of the car.

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LOCAL TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

OPEN DOUBLES: FINAL.

WON BY H. D. & G. RUMJAHN.

Plenty of excitement was provided in the final match of the open double tournament at the stand-court yesterday when H. D. and G. R. Rumjahn won the championship, defeating Ng Sze-kwong and C. Chou. The winning pair were strong in their combination and good all-round work while the losers showed brilliant at times, which "proved their strength but they lacked understanding." Points throughout was a high standard and the consensus of opinion was that the better pair won.

Ng Sze-kwong, except in the last set, played a game which was considered to be about the best he has put up this season. His driving and smashing were superb and he was always trying to make up for his partner's shortcomings. Chou was naturally the one to whom the Rumjahns tried to confine their returns and although he did not show up to advantage he was not disgraced. At the net he played a good game but was weak in other respects.

On the whole, H. D. was the better of the two Rumjahns but Omar rose to the occasion in the last two sets and helped to carry the game to victory.

Taking three of the first four games, the Rumjahns won the first set 6-2 but there was not the disparity between the pairs that the scores would indicate.

With each man winning on his service in the second set, the score stood at 3-2 with the Chinese pair leading. They took two more games 5-2 and the Indians replied with one 5-3 but Ng Sze-kwong won on his service 6-3 making the score one set all.

Some of the best tennis in the match was seen in the third set. Ng Sze-kwong was particularly brilliant and brought off a number of spectacular shots which merited the applause from the stands. After 2 all, the Rumjahns were leading 4-2 but the Chinese pair made it 4 all. H. D. won on his service 5-4 but Ng Sze-kwong made a big effort and won the set 7-5, thereby leading by 2 sets to 1.

From 4-1 in their favour in the fourth set, the Rumjahns retained the lead to win by 6-3. They again led 4-2 in the final set and then the scores were 4-3, 5-3, 6-3.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a table of the open doubles showing how each pair progressed. Yesterday's complete results were—

Open Doubles (Championship): O. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Ng Sze-kwong and C. Chou, 6-2, 3-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "B": G. R. More (-9/5), best T. B. Powell (+1/6), 6-1, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles: W. and Mrs. Hattersley Smith (ser.) beat B. D. Evans and Mrs. H. Griffin (+4/6), 6-4, 6-3.

UNIVERSITY FINAL.

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Yesterday afternoon, the final in the open doubles of the University championship was decided at the University courts, when A. A. Rumjahn and D. Lung defeated the Hung brothers in three straight sets.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

NAM PAK HONG MARKETS.

By the s.s. "Hallfried," 150,000 "quarter" sacks of flour have arrived for Hongkong.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for spot goods, based on usual guild terms, were as follows:—Java sugar, average quality, per picul net:—No. 24 rough white \$13.50, No. 24 fine white \$14.82, No. 18 rough brown \$12.60, Java brown \$12.00. No change in "futures" No. 24 rough white.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net:—No. 1 Siam long white \$9.70, No. 1 Saigon long white \$7.90.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs:—Sperdy's XXX \$3.46, White Greens \$2.55, Nutmeg Orange \$2.58, Kingfisher \$2.81, Maize \$2.45, Big Gun \$2.67, Globe \$2.44, Old Mill \$2.44, Reindeer \$2.50, Melon \$2.48, White Rose \$2.44, C. & C. \$2.58, Dayton \$2.50, Banana \$2.44, Kwan Tao \$2.44, Moline Fairy \$2.44, Blue Ribbon \$2.44.

RUBBER EXPORT.

LONDON, April 30.

It is officially announced that the percentage of standard production of rubber exportable on the minimum duty from Ceylon, the Straits and the Malay States for the quarter beginning May 1 has been fixed at sixty per cent.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN FINANCE.

NEW YORK, April 30.

The Federal Reserve Bank has lowered the re-discount rate from 4½ to 4 per cent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor who was away, Professor L. Foster addressed the gathering remarking that eighty-five students entered for this season's competition. He thought the "Varsity" should have at least twelve courts, better equipment and facilities. In his opinion, the game had a special appeal to the Chinese. Although it was not a fully fledged team game it developed the co-operative spirit in doubles and league games, and the singles appealed to the individualism of the Chinese.

Asking Miss Grace to present the prizes, Professor Foster said that Miss Grace was a member of a very sporting family. Her grandfather was "king of cricket" and her father took much interest in both cricket and tennis. Miss Grace addressed the gathering and was presented with a bouquet by Miss Irene Ho Tung.

The prize-list was as follows:—Championship Doubles:—Winners, A. A. Rumjahn and D. Lung; runners-up, H. C. Hurst and F. Fung.

Championship Singles:—A. A. Rumjahn, champion; winner, H. C. Hung; runner-up, C. T. Peterson.

Handicap Doubles:—Winners, C. C. Lam and W. F. Cheong; runners-up, A. S. Heit and B. H. Wong.

Handicap Singles "A":—Winner, A. A. Rumjahn; runner-up, B. Hattersley Smith. Handicap Singles "B":—Winner, S. K. Ng; runner-up, W. F. Cheong.

Lungard Hall won the inter-collegiate tournament.

LANTAO POISON CASE.

DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED.

TO-DAY'S DECISION.

H.E. the Governor decided to-day to commute the death sentence on the Lantao woman to one of penal servitude for life. The decision had been delayed owing to the judge's recommendations not having been received.

[The woman was found guilty at the Criminal Sessions on April 5 of murdering her husband by putting poisonous leaves in his tea and caused a sensation by declaring during the trial that the parents of the victim had deliberately killed their son and accused her of the crime.]

OBSTRUCTIONISTS.

"WHERE THE PAVEMENT SHOULD END."

A procession of hawkers, market stall holders and divers others of that ilk trooped in before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged with obstruction. In batches of four, five or six, they received summary judgment and trooped out again, the average fine being \$10 with an alternative sentence of imprisonment. Obstructing the pavement with cases, baskets and other bulky parcels in various parts of Kowloon was their offence. Some had been in Court before and others were first offenders. Most of them pleaded ignorance.

A DEAL IN GLASS.

\$900 CLAIM UPHOLD.

Judgment for plaintiff and costs was given by the Acting Chief Justice Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, at the Supreme Court this morning in the case in which Ho Ching, a glass dealer, of 49, Lower Lascar Road, sued the Wing Tai firm for \$900, damages for failure to deliver 250 cases of glass.

His Lordship said he had been asked to decide whether the tender made on January 7 was valid and whether there was a contract with the defendant to buy back 125 cases and he was not satisfied that there was this contract. With regard to validity of tender there were many cases to support the contention that actual production of money could be dispensed with if the sum was refused. In this case there was evidence that plaintiff offered the sum and that defendant said he would not take it because he was not dealing with Tai Waichou. On that ground the tender was not bad. The next contention was that the letter of January 7 was conditional because it said "and to call upon you to furnish," etc. In His Lordship's opinion this did not amount to a condition. It was admitted in the case that delivery was not to be made before payment and the contract appeared to have been one in which the parties contemplated delivery to be simultaneous. The request for the delivery order was a request that the other party should fulfil his part of the contract.

A WRECKED CAR.

EMPLOYER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

There was an echo of a collision in which a \$500 car was completely wrecked at the Supreme Court this morning when Mr. David Templeton, manager of the Tai Koo Sugar Refinery Co., claimed damages from Ying Yuen whose driver collided with Mr. Templeton's car on the 31st December.

Mr. Campbell Prosser, representing plaintiff, said that when the case was first called defendant did not appear and on March 28 plaintiff was given leave to proceed with the case ex-parte. The question of liability had been admitted by letter and by default of pleading. In the letter Ying Yuen said that he had been away from the Colony at the time and that he was trying to raise the money for compensation.

Evidence was given that the accident occurred in Praya East, the defendant's driver coming from behind a stationary tram car in Tin Lok Lane and crashing into Mr. Templeton's car.

Mr. Templeton said he bought the car in England in 1921 for \$505 and he estimated the damage at that amount as the car was not worth being repaired. New cars of that type were being advertised for £185 and would cost £50 to bring out but he thought they were of an inferior type.

James Smith of the Kowloon Canton railway who examined the damaged car a week after the accident said that it would cost \$1,250 to repair.

(Case proceeding.)

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

TO-DAY'S OPENING CEREMONY.

MR. KOTEWALL'S CINEMA VIEWS.

"Ho! Mun Tai Kut!" said the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall as he performed the opening ceremony at the Queen's Theatre this afternoon, this being the time-honoured Chinese expression used on such occasions.

As the main doors were thrown open, Mr. Kotewall was ushered into the body of the theatre to the strains of an orchestra after which a long string of firecrackers were let off in the road to acclaim the auspicious event.

With Mr. Kotewall were Mr. Li Po-kwal, chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, directors of the Po Leung Kuk and the Tung Wah Hospital, leading Chinese institutions.

After performing the opening ceremony, Mr. Kotewall congratulated Mr. Ma Tsui-chiu upon the fine architectural style of the imposing building and its very comfortable internal arrangements. He said that he would like the opportunity to say something which had been near his heart. As cinematograph pictures have a great educational value, and can either do enormous good or harm to society according to their character, he hoped that the management would exercise care in the selection of pictures, especially those for exhibition at matinees and early evening performances, so that the young generation will derive benefit from them. In concluding, he wished Queen's Theatre unqualified success.

Mr. Kotewall jocularly referred to the popularity of the cinema with Chinese. A friend had told him, Mr. Kotewall remarked, that there were five times as many Chinese who visited the cinemas as there were that patronised the Chinese stage.

His Excellency the Governor had not arrived when our edition went to press.

FIRE.

During the tiffin-hour to-day, the Central Fire Station received a call from Hill Road which runs off from the western entrance to the University. Two motor tenders were immediately sent in response.

When the Brigade officers arrived on the scene they found smoke issuing from one of the houses which is used as a Chinese tenement. The timely call prevented a serious conflagration and the fire was put out in quick time.

It will be recalled that some months ago there was a serious fire in this locality when a house was badly damaged through some cinema films being ignited.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Lady Stubbs will sail for England in the P. & O. s.s. "Kalyan" on Saturday next. Lady Stubbs will leave Blake Pier, to join the "Kalyan," soon after 11.15 p.m.

On Monday night His Excellency will be present at the display of moving picture films of the Colony, taken for the British Empire Exhibition, at the Helena May Institute at 9.15 p.m.

On Tuesday His Excellency will dine with Lieut.-Colonel Montague Bates and the Officers of the East Surrey Regiment, at Murray Barracks.

H.E. Admiral Sir Arthur and Lady Leveson have been staying at Government House since their arrival on the twenty-fourth. And on Monday, April 28, His Excellency and Lady Stubbs entertained the following to dinner:—Capt. Alington, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. Hancock, Commander and Mrs. Ward, Mons. et Mme. Rodenfueller, Lieut.-Comm. and Mrs. Blacklock, Mr. and Mrs. Mackie, Major and Mrs. Cruickshank, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hall, and Mr. J. E. Warner.

On Monday, April 22, His Excellency and Lady Stubbs entertained Mr. McClelland, Director of Electrical Engineering at the Admiralty, and the following to dinner at Government House:—Captain and Mrs. Brodie, Mr. Fringle, Engineer-Commander and Mrs. Sears, Mr. and Mrs. Tratman, Engineer-Commander Bennett, Major and Mrs. Hattersley Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Burlingham, and Mr. R. E. O. Bird.

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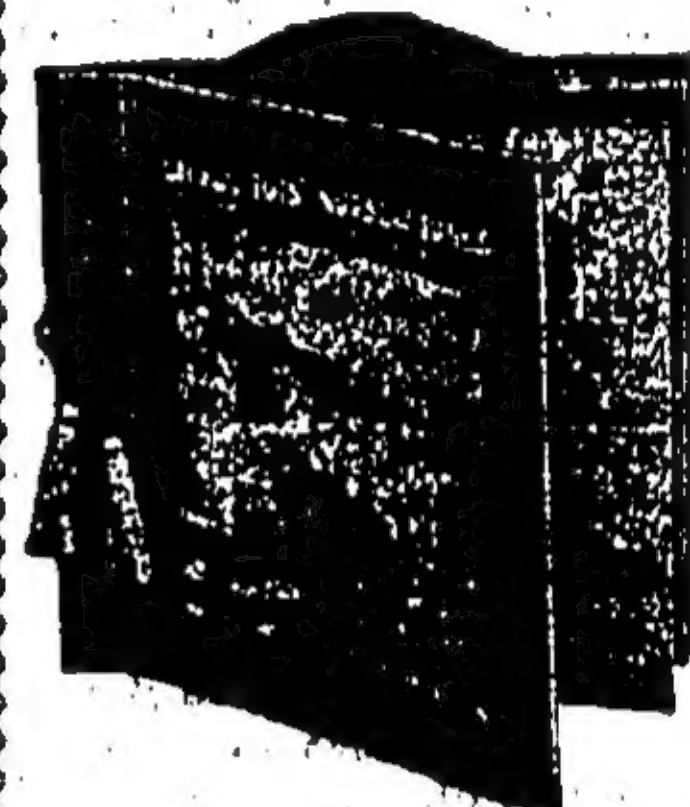
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Hongkong, April 1, 1924.

THE GOOD SHIP "HAI NING."

WHIMS AND WOMEN.

Anyone not "in the know" must have been rather surprised at the rather unusual movements of a certain steamship off the Island yesterday. With a blast of its siren which was loud enough to be taken for a farewell of at least a week the ship departed from the Douglas Wharf at 2.30 p.m. and steamed Westward at a speed which might well have led one to believe that her one object was to put as much water between Hongkong and herself in the shortest possible space of time. But then, as if determining to take one last look at the Island before setting forth on her travels she took the Eastward course for the Lama Channel. Having passed through this, as if having seen enough, she turned in her tracks and steamed back to the other end of the channel. On arriving there, she again altered her mind and with the fickleness which men folk delight in attributing to members of the weaker sex she decided to take yet another look at the land bordering the channel. So once more the process of turning was gone through and after repeating this apparently coming to the conclusion that wherever she went she could find nothing to equal the Island she headed back for the wharf which she had been so anxious to leave.

And what of the passengers of this capricious steamship? Had they no objection to being carried hither and thither at the whim of a mere passenger boat, even if it did belong to that excellent Co. the Douglas S.S. Co.? The answer, we may say with a degree of certainty, was in the negative and any inclined to doubt needed only to have made an inspection of the boat to have found the reason why.

Every arrangement had been made for the comfort of the passengers. For those inclined to the lazy life cabins were available with beds in place of bunks. Baths, wash basins, reading lamps and fans in each cabin, spacious deck room and a saloon, panelled in the Renaissance style and from which issued the comforting sound of poppings and gurglings—what more could one desire on board ship. It is certain that one would not get in on every coastal boat.

THE TRIP. To descend to plain matter of fact language the boat was the S.S. "Hai Ning" the latest acquisition of the Douglas S.S. Company and this was her trial run. The reason for her runs through the Lama Channel was that her time for and against the tide should be accurately taken. The mean speed was 15.56 knots, a very creditable performance in view of the engines at no time being full out. The average revolutions on the trial were 84.5 a minute and the best minute 85.0.

TECHNICAL DETAILS. The reconstruction of the ship has been carried out by Messrs. W. S. Bailey and the ship is a credit to the firm.

Beside the necessary alterations to fit the ship out as a passenger carrier, Messrs. Bailey and Co. have built in a new bridge deck and navigation bridge; awnings and stanchions; bulkheads have been stiffened and decks re-made; cargo hatches and piracy grills fixed or added as the case may be; and derricks, winches and teleoperator steering gear installed.

In the engine room, nothing has been left undone. Boilers have been lifted, the tailshaft removed, and every working part has been completely reconditioned. The engines are of 3,000 H.P. Additional features are a wireless set of 1½ kilowatts, one of the most powerful used by ships engaged in these waters and six lifeboats with sufficient accommodation for the whole of the passengers and crew.

FELICITATIONS.

At the conclusion of the trial, Mr. H. P. White expressed thanks to Messrs. Bailey and Co. for the excellent work they had done. The Company realised that it was a very good ship and that it had done very well on this trial. It was a splendid trial, and the speed had passed expectations. Amongst the staff of Messrs. Bailey, he would single out Mr. Ramsay and Mr. Whitell, who seemed to have spent most of their days and nights on board the ship. He would also mention Mr. Superintendent Mr. Williams, and his able assistant Mr. Stock; and also the Chief Engineer, Mr. Duxon, for the work he had done on the trial. After this run, with a few adjustments, and the alteration of the propeller, a speed of 17 or 18 knots might be reached. The Company had no desire to compete with the Empress boats. (Laughter). They were rather too good.

Mr. W. S. Bailey in reply said that on behalf of his staff and workmen, and all who had so ably assisted his firm in the reconstruction of the vessel, he thanked everyone for the kind way they had received the toast. The Douglas S.S. Co. was one of the oldest companies in the East, and was noted for efficiency and upkeep of their ships. It was a great pleasure to Messrs. Bailey and Co.

ENQUIRY ADJOURNED.

MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT.

The circumstances attending the death of a coolie who was knocked down by motor-car 449, driven by Mr. C. R. Wilson of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., at Praya East on April 19, were investigated by Mr. R. E. Lindsell sitting as Coroner at the Magistrate's yesterday, assisted by a jury.

Another coolie testified that as deceased was going to tiffin he was walking about three feet from the outer tram lines. A motor car approached from the opposite direction and knocked deceased over. No tram was passing at the time and witness did not hear the horn sounded.

In the witness-box, Mr. Wilson described how he approached the scene when he noticed deceased rushing out from the back of the tram and crossing in front of the car. The car did not run over the man and in his opinion, the accident was unavoidable. Mr. Wilson also contradicted the evidence of the coolie.

Eventually it was decided to adjourn the inquiry till the return of another witness and the scene will be visited to-day by the Coroner and jury.

OLD BOY'S MEET.

OF THE KOWLOON BRITISH SCHOOL.

Presiding at the annual meeting of the Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association held at the school last night, Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale, the present Headmaster and Chairman of the Association said this was the first annual meeting of the Association and that they could look back on a very successful year. As was to be expected, the first year had been a difficult one. They started with very great expectation, and he thought they were not disappointed. During the year 11 old pupils had joined in addition to ten honorary members. The membership was not very great on reference to the rolls of the School, though the committee considered it satisfactory. Mr. Nightingale suggested that an intensive campaign be undertaken with a view to getting old boys, not only in Hongkong but also at Home, to join the Association.

The Chairman reviewed the activities, social as well as athletic, of the Association during the year, mentioning the success of the dances, which drives and bathing parties. As regards the athletic side Mr. Nightingale said they entered teams in the Water Polo Basket Ball Leagues, the Water Polo team finishing third in the League competition. The Chairman ended by expressing thanks to Mrs. George, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Stewart (the Secretary) and members of the Committee for their co-operation.

Dunedin, N.Z., April 30.—The special service squadron—cruisers Dauntless and Dunedin had a most enthusiastic reception from dense crowds.—*Reuter.*

Washington, April 30.—It is understood that President Coolidge has suggested to the joint conference of representatives of both Houses of Congress which is discussing the Immigration Bill, that the operation of the provision should be postponed until July 1. The conferees later informed the President that an agreement on this basis might be reached within twenty-four hours. The vote of the conference is expected to be close, as several Pacific Coast Senators intend to oppose the suggestion.—*Reuter's American Service.*

to know they had so pleased the Douglas Co. in this work. It was hoped that the increase in the shipping, and allied trades, in which Hongkong took such a prominent place, would bring to the Douglas Co. that goodly share which their enterprise deserved. The continued success of the Douglas Co. was then drunk with acclamation.

Before disembarking, Mr. H. P. White thanked the assembled guests for "braving the dangers of the deep," and in reply Mr. Cameron, for the guests, thanked Mr. White for the Company's hospitality and wished the "Hai Ning" every success.

Amongst those present on the trip were Messrs. H. P. White, A. H. White, W. S. Bailey, C. F. Mendham, T. Ramsay, C. Wittell, A. L. Shields, Allan Cameron, T. Stock, J. R. Williamson, F. C. Hall, B. Mackay, J. Hazlett, W. C. Jack, Capt. Tregillis, Capt. Turnbull and Dr. Forsyth.

Following are the officers appointed to the "Hai Ning": Captain W. C. Passmore; Chief Officer, F. G. Gill; Second Officer, R. Kendall; Third Officer, W. Ball; Chief Engineer, B. Duxon; Second Engineer, J. J. Edmondson; Third Engineer, A. Van Langenberg. Wireless Operator not yet appointed.

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All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 12th May, 1924, or they will not be recognized.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 14th May, or they will not be recognized.

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In it is situated the sacred cenote, a vast circular well 100 yards in diameter and 110 feet deep, into which for centuries offerings were thrown to the god of rain by the Toltecs, Mayas, and Mayas.

These offerings consisted of the most perfect of their young men and women, and the best of their jewelry in gold, silver, jade, turquoise, and other precious material. A short time ago the cenote was partly dredged out and yielded a great treasure in gold ornaments and vessels, carved jade, and other precious stones, together with quantities of the bones of young adults, both male and female.

At the end of last year Dr. Morley, of the Carnegie Institution, and Dr. Gunn, of the Liverpool University, spent some weeks in Chichen Itza making a preliminary inspection and clearing the forest which has completely overgrown the ruins, in preparation for the work which is now to be undertaken.

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Rintintin, the clever police dog, plays in this picture. His acting is uncanny to the 11th degree. It is unbelievable, the manner in which he registers throughout the story—from the moment when as

a hungry wolf separated from the pack he attacks a wounded man and then recoils, suddenly remembering his canine forbears, to the scene where he leaps through a window and saves the heroine from a diabolic plot that almost gets executed.

Rintintin is the prince of dogs. All lovers of animals and good pictures will not miss this rare opportunity to see both a strong drama and unexcelled animal acting.

It is a Warner Brothers classic of the screen, following the high standard set by this organization. The story, briefly, deals with Shad Galloway, the factor who rules with iron fist the isolated Hudson Bay Company's trading post, and who tries to get Gabriel Dupre out of the ways, so he can have Felice McTavish at his mercy. Dupre sets out with a team, is shot and wounded by hire outlaws, left for dead and discovered by the wolf-dog, who befriends him. The climax, where Galloway is foiled, is masterly. No one seeing the picture will ever forget that last scene when Rintintin, who had left Dupre after a beating, returns with a brood of pups. It is a treat for old and young alike.

CLARE ADAMS as Felice McTavish deserves unstinted praise as do the rest of the actors, Walter McGrail, Pat Harrigan, Myrtle Owen, Charles Stevens and Fred Huntley. Chester Franklin is responsible for the direction.

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Sir Alfred Robbins, head of the United Grand Lodge of Masons in England, is making a tour of Masonic lodges.



This is a late photograph of Alexander Krivoshegor, former President of the Industrial Bank of Moscow, Communist, who is on trial there for alleged embezzlement and nepotism.



Mr. Robert Young, the new Deputy Speaker of the British House of Commons, is a true Labour man, having served as an apprentice and journeyman in machine shops and also as a locomotive engineer.



Professor Kouleff, President and Speaker of the Bulgarian National Assembly, is the real creator of the present coalition government in Sofia. He was professor of law at the University of Sofia, before entering politics.



At the sixth anniversary of the organization of the Red Army, just celebrated in Moscow, it was announced that General Fabritzus was the officer who had won the red banner four times. This is an honour held by one other commander, General Vostretsov.



Catherine Breshkovsky, "little Grandmother of the Russian Revolution," who on her 80th birthday is still in the best of health, and finding plenty of time to direct the work in the different schools she has founded throughout Czechoslovakia.



Miss Mary Rice Malone, whose engagement to "Bobby" Jones, youthful open golf champion, was recently announced. The betrothal is a result of a school days romance.



Robert W. Stevenson, cousin of the famous Robert Louis Stevenson, well known writer and poet, was deported from the United States on the s.s. "Assyria," as undesirable.

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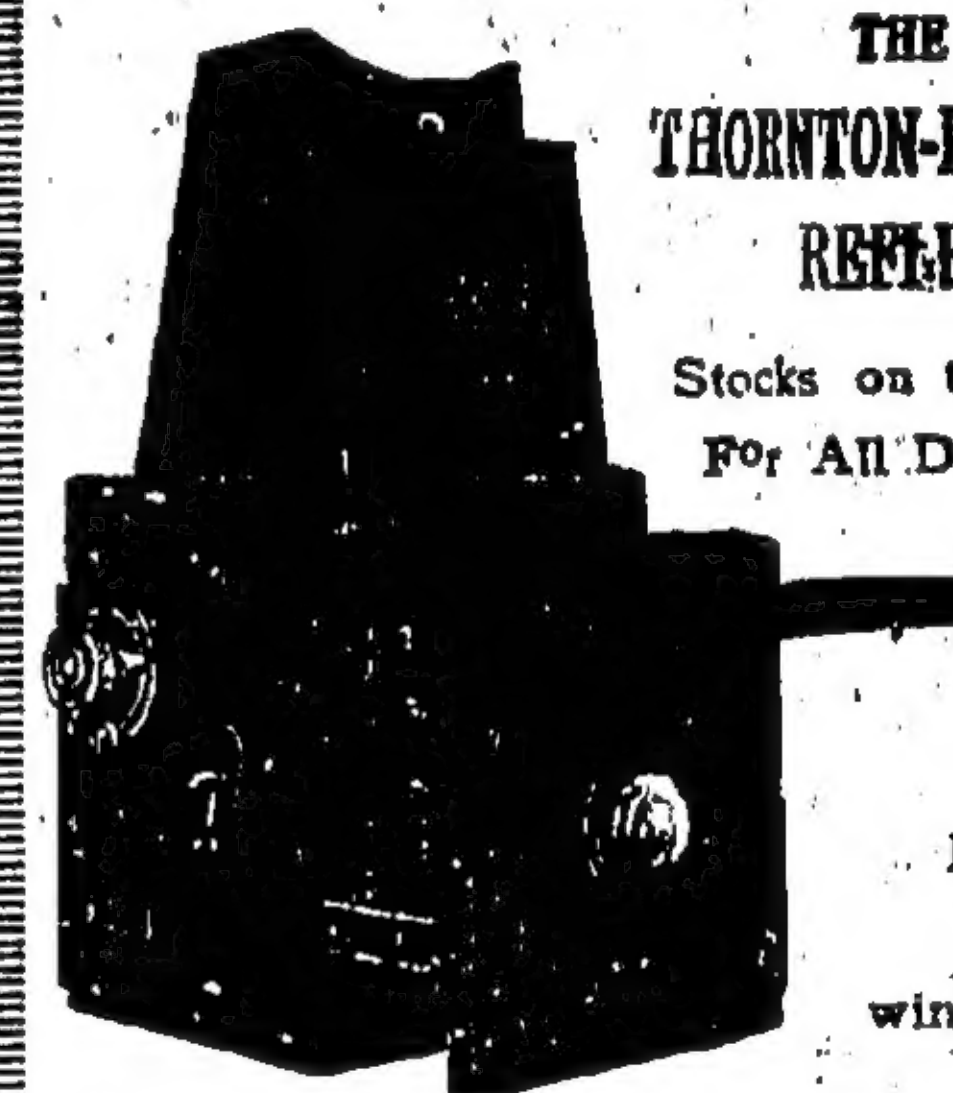
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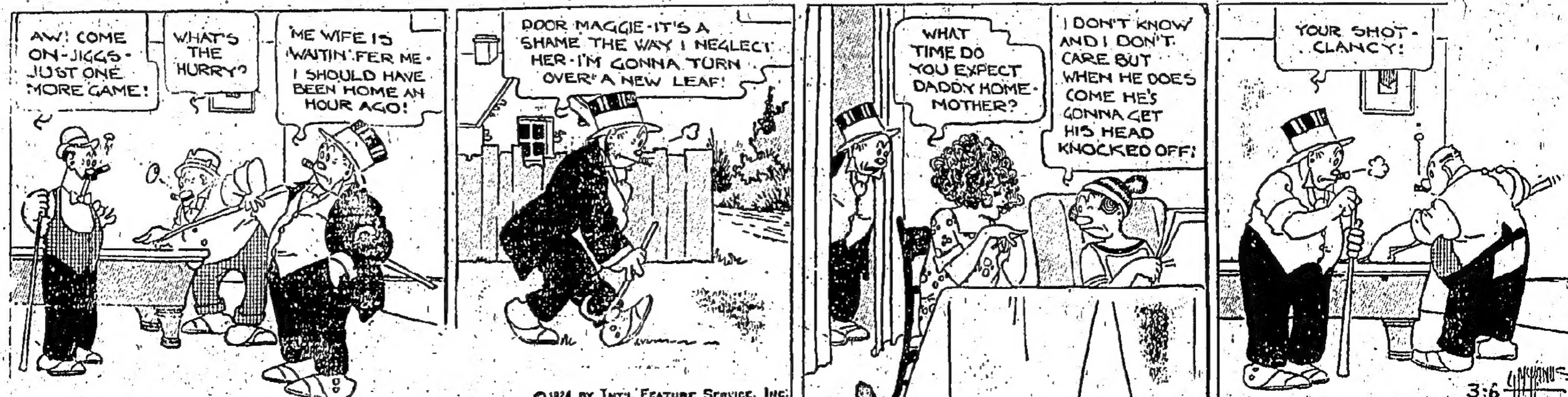
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